

# Abbe Reformed Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2015 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship

\*Gathering Song      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      #2

\*Prayer of Confession

**Creating God,  
you have made this world good.  
Like a master artist,  
you have chiseled away our hearts of stone,  
refining us in beautiful ways.  
But we have resisted.  
We have been stubborn and stumbling.**

**Forgive us for forgetting we need you.  
Remind us that we do not belong to ourselves—  
we belong to you.  
So, sand away our rough edges,  
make us living stones.  
Construct us to be a magnificent building  
that points the world to your glory.**

*-based on 1 Peter 2*

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Praise      *I Love You, Lord*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading      Hebrews 3:1-6      see insert

Message      *God the Builder*      Pastor Kristen

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Song of Response      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      #292

Saying What We Believe      Heidelberg Q&A 54 & 55      see insert

Offering  
Offertory      *Praise and Worship Medley*      Choir  
\*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements  
Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn      *Beautiful One*

\*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston  
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

## 2015 Consistory

### Elders


Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)  
Eleanor Aikens - Clerk (2017)  
Quentin Bensink (2015)  
Lucinda Legters (2016)  
Harvey Oonk (2016)  
Mark Summers (2017)

### Deacons

(2015) Head Deacon - Eric Dunnewold  
(2016) Benevolent Treasurer - Philip Beckerink  
(2015) Brian Jantzi  
(2017) Scott Neckers  
(2016) Jason Stapels  
(2017) Laurie TeWinkle

*In the name of Christ, we welcome you to the fellowship of Abbe Church, its work and worship, its instruction and service, and to its comfort and blessing.*

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**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:** Continue to keep all those who are confined to nursing homes and all those who have ongoing physical problems in your thoughts and prayers, including: *Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Velma Damcott, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Brad Johnson, The Jones Family, Sandy Koerselman, The Legters Family, Irving Legters, Maxine Legters, Phyllis Morton, The John Neckers Family, Mary Schruers, Zach See, Randy Shampooe, Sr., Justin Svetz, The TenHuisen Family and Ernie TeWinkle.*

Also continue to keep each of the older members of our congregation in your prayers.

Pray again this week for our congregation and our community as a whole. Remember *our Pastors, the Consistory, our Sunday School, the Teens On Fire Youth Group, Awana, REACH Ministry, MOPS, and Wee Care Preschool.*

Continue to pray again this week for our country, for all the unrest around the country and the world, for our President, as well as our national, state and local leaders.

Continue to pray faithfully for the safety of our armed forces in and returning home from various combat zones and for the cause of peace in our world.

Remember again this week to pray for each of our missionaries and mission projects, especially remembering *Richard and Donna Swart* in Omo, Ethiopia, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

### **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS):**

Our local MOPS group is starting this week! There will be an open house/sign-up on Monday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Abbe Reformed Church. This group is open to all Moms with children up to and including Kindergarten age. We typically meet biweekly from 7-9pm during September-May. If you would like more information, please visit [mops.org](http://mops.org) or contact Michelle DeLellis at 355-6622. We hope to see you there!!

### **Thank Yous:**

To the prayer quilt ministry:

Thank you so much for all the prayers and the prayer quilt. It's really cool having a visual representation that God is always there. I know He is always present, but sometimes it is hard to feel His presence. The quilt is great because I can feel His presence. I sleep with it most nights and it has given me much comfort throughout this whole ordeal and continues to give me comfort when I need it.

Thanks again!

Justin Svetz

Thank you Church for paying to let me go to camp. Love, Porter

Thank you all for spending your money on me to go to camp. Luv, Ava

Dear Prayers and Squares Ministry,

We are so thankful for all your prayers for Bill in this time of waiting for his lung transplant. We appreciate knowing that so many gathered together to pray for him and tie a knot in this beautiful quilt. Every time we use it, we will know without a doubt that God is with us, ALL the time! He is wrapping His arms around us, lifting us, give us strength, courage and everlasting love!

God Bless you all in this wonderful ministry,

Bill & Cathy Deuink

Dear Church Family,

It is with great thanksgiving that I send to you our appreciation for all of the things you did for us during the time of Paul's illness and death. Sending cards, bringing food, making phone calls, attending the visiting hours and funeral, and being there with others to celebrate Paul's life all mean so much to all of us. It is during times like this that we realize what the family of God means.

I sincerely hope that in the future I might, in some small way, contribute to making the family of God one that looks out for each other, whether in joy or in sorrow.

Thank you all for your loving part in assisting us through this difficult time in our lives.

There is always a rainbow ahead for us, and God will carry us through to see the end where we will all be joined together surrounded by His Love.

Sincerely, Josie and family

**AWANA** will have a Picnic and Pick-up Kick-off **this** Wednesday, September 30th from 5:30-7:00pm. All Awana families are invited to enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers, pick-up their pre-ordered items, register kids who need registered and meet the leaders for this next club year. Club nights will officially begin on Wednesday, October 7th from 6:15-7:45pm.

### **Sunday School Substitutes**

The Abbe Sunday School year is up and rolling as of today! We are seeking some volunteers to fill in as substitute teachers for our children's education throughout the year. As of this year, each classroom has its own set of curriculum, and so stepping into the lesson plans will be much easier for teachers who fill in. This is a great way to engage with our children (ages 2- high school!) and walk into some opportunities that might identify a gift for teaching and mentoring in you! We are Christ's Church, and we are all responsible for one another. If you are willing to have your name on a list of willing substitutes, please talk with our Sunday School superintendent Chelsea Howden or Pastors Kristen or Noah.

**Ballot Boxes** have been placed at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Please place the ballots that you received in these boxes by Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Teens On Fire**

#### **Fall 2015 Schedule**

October 10: Youth Night - 6:00 to 8:00pm at Abbe

**REACH / TOF Fall Yard Work Day** will be Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and "rain date" of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in receiving some help cleaning up your lawn, or wish to graciously donate a morning to serve, please sign up on the sign up sheets in the designated locations. Or contact either Leanna (716) 499-4163 or Amanda Willink (716) 355-4531 to have your name added. This is truly a fun time to get to know people in the community, and build unforgettable memories. So, if you're willing, grab your wheel barrow, shovel, rake, gloves, etc. and come be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are in **NEED of more men** to help us out this year! If you are feeling called, **PLEASE** sign up! Thank you all so much for your time, and prayers, this would not be possible without every single willing body!

The next **REACH 'n' Teach** is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th from 11:30am - 12:15pm in the Abbe sanctuary. Please join us as we welcome a guest speaker from UNYTS - Western NY's only organ, eye, tissue, and community blood center. UNYTS operates as a non-profit organization serving eight counties in WNY and works to assist donor families, coordinate the donation process and increase knowledge and awareness within the community regarding transplantation.

Our next Prayers & Squares Work Day will be Saturday, October 24, 9 am-3 pm. If you've been thinking about joining in, now is the perfect time! Come share your time and talents to help provide comfort to those in need. Let Gail or Carrie know if you plan to be there so we can plan for space and food, please!

#### **Wheelchair notice:**

There is now a wheelchair located in the landing near the elevator for use in the building.

### **College Care Packages:**

It's that time of year again! The REACH Ministry is excited to continue partnering with several area churches (Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer Hill Reformed Church, Clymer United Methodist Church, Compass, Cutting Community Church, Edward's Chapel United Methodist Church, Findley Lake United Methodist, North Clymer United Methodist and St. Matthias/St. Isaac Jogues) to bless our college students with care packages filled with love and prayers this fall.

We'd love to have you participate in this outreach by donating items to put in the boxes. Collection boxes will be available at each of the churches listed above.

Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Suggestions of donations include: granola bars, cliff bars, fruit snacks/bars, popcorn packets, cheese and cracker packets, gum, hard candy, candy bars, individual drink mixes, highlighters, pens, post-it notes, index cards, etc. If you prefer, you may donate money to cover the cost of postage/supplies and we'll do the shopping for you ☺

We are working on updating our list of students and their addresses. If you know of an address change from last semester or have a new student to add, please contact Leanna Willink at: (716) 499-4163 or [reach@abbereformedchurch.org](mailto:reach@abbereformedchurch.org)

**Please be sure to remember the college students in your prayers! Thank you and God bless!**

### **Pastors Drop-in Office Hours**

Pastors Kristen & Noah have office hours each week in their church study

Tuesday 1-3:00 and Friday 10-11:30. Of course, you're always welcome to schedule a time to meet with us as well!

**Today:**

10:15 AM - Morning Worship  
11:30 AM - Sunday School  
7:00 PM - Bible Study

**This Week:**

Monday - 6:30 - 8:30 PM - MOPS Open House  
Wednesday - 5:30 - 7:00 PM - AWANA Picnic and Pick-up Kick-off  
7:30 PM - Prayer Time  
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice  
8:30 PM - Choir Practice  
Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

Acolytes Natalie White and Callie Willink  
Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle  
Greeters Tim and Brenda Rater  
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk  
Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink  
Cameraperson Larry McCray  
Sound Volunteer Sonya Shampooe

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

Acolytes Justin Massing and Michael Shampooe  
Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray  
Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse  
Greeting Elder Quentin Bensink  
Nursery Donna and Katie Marbach  
Cameraperson Josh Summers  
Sound Volunteer Willowe Neckers

**Shut in of the Week:** Carol Neckers at Corry Manor

**Missionaries of the Week:** Richard and Donna Swart in Omo, Ethiopia

**Girls Retreat planned for Friday, October 2nd at Edwards Chapel United Methodist Church. All girls in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. Registration starts at 6:30pm and evening ends at 10pm. \$10 registration fee. All girls attending receive a tshirt. Come for an evening of speakers, worship & praise, food, fellowship and teachings on Psalm 139. Questions: contact Megan Heslink 716-450-0904**

**Deacons report for September 20, 2015**

General Fund \$ 2,320.00  
Benevolent 775.00  
Major Projects 55.00  
  
Total Offering \$ 3,150.00

Attendance 121  
Sunday School 93

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2015 is \$3,183.00 in the General Fund and \$936.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$120,954.00 and \$35,568.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 38 Sundays is \$110,509.09 in the General Fund and \$31,861.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

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